

Travis's aid, and the Alamo fell on March 6, 1836. All 187 Texans were killed and about 10 times that number from the Mexican army fell as well.

Texans started fleeing to the east to get away from the invading armies, and General Sam Houston was elected as the commander in chief to try to rally what Texans were left to do battle. And on April 21, 1836, where Buffalo Bayou meets the San Jacinto River in what is now Houston, Texas, they did battle with Santa Anna's invading army. It took place in the afternoon on April 21. Madam Speaker, we all know that battles take place in the morning, but yet this battle took place in the afternoon. The outnumbered Texans caught Santa Anna's army sleeping, and in 18 minutes it was complete victory and Texas won its independence. It became a republic. It claimed not only Texas but part of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado, and Wyoming, all the way to the Canadian border. Texas remained an independent nation for 9 years. Then in 1845, it was allowed into the Union by one vote. Some wished the vote had gone the other way. But be that as it may, Texas was an independent republic for 9 years.

And on this day, March the 2nd, we from Texas celebrate the Republic of Texas and Texas' independence and that spirit that gave all Americans what we have today: a free and independent Nation. And we also honor the likes of William Barrett Travis, Sam Houston, Davy Crockett, Jim Bonham, and Jim Bowie.

And that's just the way it is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. OLSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HOLT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, March 6 and 9.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, March 6 and 9.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, March 3.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, March 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Mr. OLSON, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 387. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 211 South Court Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the "Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

743. A letter from the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's semiannual Monetary Policy Report, pursuant to Public Law 106-569; to the Committee on Financial Services.

744. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

745. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

746. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Citizen's Report: FY 2008 Summary of Performance and Financial Results"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

747. A letter from the Management Analyst, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Employment Authorization and Verification of Aliens Enlisting in the Armed Forces [CIS No.: 2463-08; Docket No.: USCIS-2008-0072] (RIN: 1615-AB78) received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

748. A letter from the Executive Director, National Association of Police Organizations, Inc., transmitting the Association's Notice of Appointment — Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery State and Local Law Enforcement Board, pursuant to Public Law 110-298, section 203(c)(1)(E); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

749. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Snipes Mountain Viticultural Area (2007R-300P) [Docket No.: TTB-2008-0003; T.D. TTB-73; Re: Notice No. 82] (RIN: 1513-AB51) received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

750. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Expansion of the Paso Robles Viticultural Area (2008R-073P) [Docket No.: TTB-2008-0005; T.D. TTB-72; Re: Notice No. 85] (RIN: 1513-AB47) received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

751. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — RRTA Desk Guide [LMSB-4-0908-048] received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

752. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Applicable Federal Rates — March 2009 (Rev. Rul.2009-8) received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

753. A letter from the Director, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's biennial Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy for calendar year 2008; jointly to the Committees on Homeland Security, the Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 157. A bill to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 111-22). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows: